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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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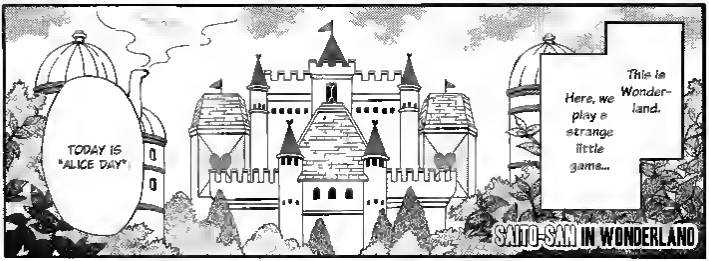
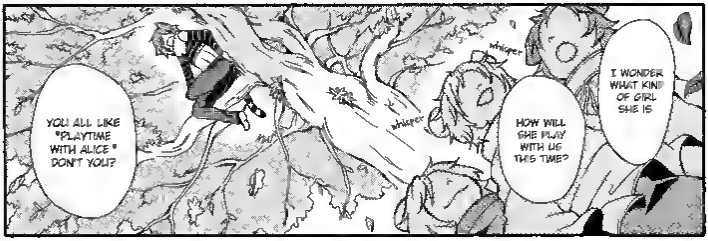



YOU ALL LIKE "PLAYTIME WITH ALICE" DON'T YOU?
HOW WILL SHE PLAY WITH US THIS TIME?
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF GIRL SHE IS
whisper
whisper

WHAT'S THIS--- YOU'RE WORRIED FOR HER?
What a nice guy~
WHAT!? NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
BUT IF BY SOME CHANCE SOMETHING HAPPENS
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS WE BRING HER BACK TO THE REAL WORLD RIGHT?
BRINGING HER HERE SO YOU CAN ALL HAVE FUN AT HER EXPENSE IS IN POOR TASTE...
The Cheshire Cat
... IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE WHITE RABBIT TO BRING ALICE.
SHE'S COMING. SO LET'S BE QUIET AND WAIT FOR HER TO GET HERE!!
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
ALRIGHT, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU-

O... ..OF COURSE I BROUGHT HIM HERE!! SEE YA!!
STEP
EH!? OI, WAIT UP!!
SHOCK
OI, WHITE RABBIT! DID YOU BRING ALICE WITH YOU?
CHE... CHESHIRE!?
The White Rabbit
THERE HE IS... THE WHITE RABBIT...
EXCUSE ME!! I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD SHOW ME AROUND...
Don't tell me this is Alice!?
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT...? BROUGHT HER HERE, WHERE
MUMBLE...
!!
WHO IS THAT!!

SAITO-SAN IN WONDERLAND

BY YUTA NOHARA

THAT WORLD SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES THIS PLACE
DON'T THEY HAVE A PICTURE BOOK CALLED "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" IN YOUR COUNTRY?
Wonderland?
What?
NO FEAR OF BEING FIRED OR DEMOTED...
Ah, thanks?
NO FEMALE CO-WORKERS TALKING ABOUT ME BEHIND MY BACK,
CALLING ME A PERVERT...
NO OVER-CROWDED TRAINS
Oi, are you even listening...?
NO BOSS... NO SCARY CLIENTS, NO CO-WORKERS...
NO QUOTAS... NO RIVALS ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN ON ME...
Ah... Is that so...?
THIS IS THE FIRST IN A LONG TIME THAT MY STOMACH HASN'T HURT...
This guy doesn't have a single good thought about his world...!!

EXCUSE ME. I LOST MY COMPOSURE FOR A MOMENT
PLEASE, EXCUSE THE LATE INTRODUCTION. MY NAME IS SAITO
SLIDE
UM... YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING BEFORE ABOUT ME BEING THIS ALICE PERSON?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
HOWEVER, THIS WAS AN ACCIDENT
WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK SOON, SO JUST BE QUIET AND WAIT HERE
Haha.
I GOT MYSELF ALL FIRED UP
NO MATTER WHAT WORLD I'M IN, THIS IS MY LOT IN LIFE
Ha ha.
WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
SALARYMEN ARE KNOWN FOR CARRYING THE BURDEN OF DUTY "BECAUSE WE MUST!"
Such a corporate slave...!!
ALLOW ME, SAITO ALICE, TO FULFILL THIS DUTY TO THE UTMOST!!
Please order me as you please!!
Give me a break...!!
How annoying!

STOP LOOKING AROUND RESTLESSLY LIKE THAT
YES SIR!!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING THAT ISN'T ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
Yes Sir!!
IF YOU HAPPEN TO SPOT ANYONE OTHER THAN ME, DON'T GO AROUND CALLING OUT TO THEM OR ANYTHING
YES SIR!!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE STORY OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND
WHAT SHOULD ALICE DO?
THIS IS PERFECT
I ALSO HAPPEN TO HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THE WHITE RABBIT, SO WE WILL SEARCH FOR HIM TOGETHER.
YES SIR!!
THE FIRST THING ALICE DOES WHEN SHE GETS TO WONDERLAND IS TO FIND THE WHITE RABBIT....
I see, is that what she does!!
.....
... TURN AROUND THREE TIMES AND BARK LIKE A DOG
I... I SEE...
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN, SO I CAN'T STOP NOW...
NO MATTER WHAT COMPANY POSITION THIS GUY HOLDS, HE WILL ALWAYS BE DEPRESSED ABOUT SOMETHING
Ha Ha
GRAB
YES SIR!!
WAIT A SECOND!!
WHY DO YOU SAY "YES SIR, YES SIR," TO ANYTHING ANYONE SAYS?!
Hululina no!
IT'S JUST THAT I DO WHAT MY SUPERIORS TELL ME TO DO

KNOW WHAT IT IS I CAN DO FOR NEKO-SAN...
AS ALICE, I WOULD LIKE TO
LIM!!
WHAT IS IT? HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE.
GAH!!
NO I'M FINE!! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR ME
I... I'M THE CHESHIRE CAT. I'M DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL CAT, SO STOP!!!
RETREATS
LEAVE IT TO ME!! I MORE OR ELSE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR ME!!
IT'S NOT OKAY!! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT PICTURE BOOK, BUT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO SOMETHING!!
YES YOU ARE... YOU'RE A CAT THAT ENJOYS IT WHEN THE BASE OF YOUR TAIL IS RUBBED, JUST LIKE ANY OTHER CAT.
SHUT UP!! NO I DON'T!! I DON'T THINK IT FEELS GOOD!!
.....
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, YOUR TAIL DEFINITELY HAS SOME INTERESTING COLORS.
SHOCK
NYAN !!

HE HASN'T COME AROUND HERE?
MORE IMPORTANTLY IS ALICE HERE YET? WHERE IS SHE?
OH, WHAT'S THIS?
HAVE YOU SEEN THE WHITE RABBIT?
HM—— NO, CAN'T SAY I HAVE
The Mad Hatter
YES SIR!!
FINE, OKAY JUST BE QUIET AND LET'S GET GOING!!
OI! MAD HATTER, YOU HERE?
I WONDER WHAT CUTE LITTLE GIRL HAS HE BROUGHT HERE THIS TIME!
EH!? HE HE'S RIGHT HERE
KA-THUNK
SHAPE SHAPE
THAT'S RIGHT, ALICE IS "CUTE"!! LEAVE IT TO ME!!
EH? SAITO-SAN!? WHAT IS HE!
That dinner etiquette training is finally paying off!!
ALRIGHT!! WHICH ONE IS TO YOUR LIKING!?
I'M BEGGING YOU, JUST STOP!!
.....

HMM
ST ARES...
HELP US WITH THE SEARCH!!

Cheshire informed the Mad Hatter of Saito-san's situation.
REALLY ? THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO FRUSTRATED AND ALONE I SEE
THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER!!

WHACK

slide slide slide ?

..... HE
HE ALMOST GOT IT

? ? ?
U... UM... MY GLASSES...

NOT ONLY IS YOUR LIFESTYLE DISGUSTING, YOU'RE A PERVERT TO BOOT
Is he doing this on purpose!?
DOESN'T HE MAKE A GOOD ALICE AS HE IS?
IT'S ALSO FUN TO SEE THE CHESHIRE CAT SO FRUSTRATED

AS FOR ME TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, AS LONG AS HE'S CUTE, I CAN DO HIM
GOT WHAT!?
THERE'S NO NEED TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET!!

INTRUDING ON SOMEONE

DON'T YOU THINK THAT HOLE IS TOO SMALL FOR YOU TO FIT INTO?
LEAVE IT TO ME...!!
I'll figure out a way to!!
SLIDE
IF HE'S NOT AT THE MAD HATTER'S PLACE HE'S PROBABLY SOMEWHERE THAT WAY
DOES ANYTHING RING A BELL?
YEAH.
OVER HERE, THIS HUGE TREE HAS A CAVITY CARVED INSIDE IT
IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN, THE WHITE RABBIT WOULD HIDE HIMSELF IN HERE
NO KYA !!
he's so creepy
GOOD AFTERNOON! I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU FOR A MINUTE
POP
H-HUH, I CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE...!!
GAH, COME ON!
What a horrible sight...
YEP, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT...
Sorry about that White Rabbit
HE DIDN'T EVEN CONSIDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN LATER, AND JUST DOVE RIGHT IN
I'M USED TO PEOPLE DISMISSING ME AT FIRST GLANCE, SO...!!
IF TODAY ISN'T GOOD FOR YOU, I'LL COME BACK TOMORROW OR ANOTHER DAY!!
OK... OKAY I GET IT. I'LL LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY!!

YOUR DUTY IS DONE!! YOU CAN GO BACK HOME WHITE RABBIT. I'M COUNTING ON YOU NOW!!
EH? MY POWER CAN'T BRING HIM BACK TO HIS WORLD
HM. NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND THE WHITE RABBIT, WHAT IS AN ALICE SUPPOSED TO DO NEXT?
?
I got him out safely
I'M SO SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE.
SAITO-SAN WAS THE TROUBLESOME ONE...
YOU'RE THE ONLY GUY WHO CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN THIS WORLD AND THE OTHER WORLD! I THINK YOU'RE AWESOME!!
Yeah! Yeah!
IN OTHER WORDS...
WHAT?
AN ALICE MUST STRONGLY DESIRE TO GO HOME OTHERWISE THEY CAN'T RETURN.
Isn't it always like that?
WAHH
DESPITE THE FACT THET I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRAVEL BETWEEN WORLDS AND ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BRING PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER WORLD. I FAILED YOU'RE JUST SARCASTICALLY SAYING THAT I'M AWESOME, AREN'T YOU...!?
EVEN IF YOU HAVE YOUR NEGATIVE SIDE, YOU HAVE YOUR GOOD SIDE AS WELL...
THAT'S IT, I'M JUST AWESOMELY HORRIBLE!!
Calm down, ?
WHAT!? NO, I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY!
SO... YOU'RE TELLING ME I CAN BRING HER HERE, BUT AFTER THAT I'M A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING WHO DON'T GET ANYTHING DONE?
GEEZ ALL THIS GUY DOES IS TORMENT HIMSELF OVER THE NEGATIVE THINGS

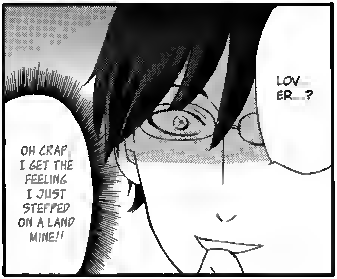
NO YOU AREN'T! YOU'RE KIND MR. WHITE RABBIT!
EH...?
I'M SO SORRY. I'M JUST A HORRIBLE RABBIT...
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN NOW?
YEAH
WHEN WE MET IN THE REAL WORLD
I WAS DEPRESSED BECAUSE I WAS A FAILURE AT MY JOB... I ATE LUNCH ALONE IN A PLACE WHERE THERE WASN'T A SOUL AROUND...
I STARTED TO CALL IN TO RADIO TALK SHOWS SO THAT I DIDN'T FEEL SO LONELY... BUT ONCE I STARTED TALKING...
AND TO FIX JAPAN'S SOCIAL NUMBERS LIKE...
EH? REALLY? IT'S OVER. YOU WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?
THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME...!!
ON THAT DAY, I FELT IT... "KINDNESS"...!!
...UGH, I CAN'T EVEN STAND TO LOOK AT THEM...
THAT WAS COM-PASSION...!
Not kindness!
BUT WHEN MR. WHITE RABBIT STEPPED INTO MY WORLD
YOU PATIENTLY LISTENED TO ME...

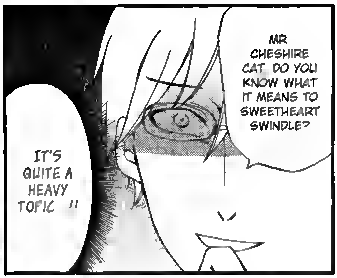
I DID LEAVE MY JOB BEHIND SO I SHOULD BE WANTING TO GO HOME BUT
WHY DON'T I FEEL THAT WAY ?

WELL ANYWAYS, HE SHOULD BE WANTING TO GO BACK HOME NOW IT SEEMS
WELL...
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, SAITO-SAN? DON'T YOU WANT TO GO HOME?

IS THERE SOMETHING ON HIS MIND?
WHAT IS IT? DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR YOUR LOVER?

THE ONLY THING THE GIRL I LOVED LEFT ME WAS A MASSIVE INVOICE...
OH... UM, WHAT WAS IT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT...
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATION AFTER THAT!?
It's just too tragic!


LOV... ER...?
OH CRAP, I GET THE FEELING I JUST STEPPED ON A LAND MINE!!


MR CHESHIRE CAT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO SWEETHEART SWINDLE?
IT'S QUITE A HEAVY TOPIC !!

HE WAS SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW MY LEAD...

THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR...
Just when things were starting to look up
IT WOULD BE BORING IF THINGS WENT SO SMOOTHLY
YOU GUYS, DO SOMETHING!!
WAAA
WAAA
MR. CHESHIRE CAT...
JUST BECAUSE YOU HAD ONE STROKE OF BAD LUCK DOESN'T MEAN THERE AREN'T MORE FISH IN THE SEA
OH... CHEER UP, SAITO-SAN...
THAT'S RIGHT I'M JUST A NOBODY
IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT THERE ARE OTHER NICE PEOPLE LIKE THE CHESHIRE CAT, THEN GUHE.
So harsh
SLAM
YOU GIVE UP ON YOURSELF TOO EASILY!!
STOP IT!
IF THAT'S SO, THEN THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS MISERABLE UNFORTUNATE EXISTENCE...!!
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!
That's horrible!
OKAY. WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING EVEN WORSE TO CHESHIRE SO THAT HE'LL REALIZE HE DOESN'T HAVE IT SO BAD... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
NOPE, I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE SUCKS TO BE YOU
WAIT... DON'T SPILL MY BLOOD!!
SAVE ME, SAITO-SAN!!
IF THAT'S OUR ONLY OPTION, THEN I'LL HELP TOO...!!
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO I GUESS WE REALLY WILL HAVE TO KILL THE CHESHIRE CAT

I... THANK YOU SO MUCH, EVERY-ONE...
ACTUALLY, AS FAR AS LOVE IS CONCERNED, I WAS TOO WRAPPED UP IN MY JOB THAT ANY-THING ELSE...
BUT TODAY, I GOT SO USED TO THE FEELING THAT I WAS SPECIAL IT MADE ME SO HAPPY
SAITO-SAN!
BWAS...
HOWEVER, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REMAIN HERE
THANKS TO ALL THE THINGS EVERYONE HAS SAID TO ME, I'VE MADE A HUGE BREAK-THROUGH.
I AM FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT. I WILL RETURN HOME NOW.
...I SEE.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
...I WILL
TAKE CARE... EVERYONE...

A few days later
CHESHIRE CAT! MAD HATTER!
HM?
THAT WAS THE WHITE RABBIT'S VOICE
AH
I COULDN'T JUST LEAVE HIM THERE, SO I BROUGHT HIM WITH ME... THEN SUDDENLY...
WELL, ACTUALLY... I BROUGHT A V. SE THAT THIS GIRL RECOMMENDED, SO I'M IN A LITTLE TROUBLE...
YOU'RE SO GULLIBLE...
DEPRESSED
HELLO EVERYONE, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU... IT'S ME, SAITO
THAT WAS FAST!?
THIS TIME, WE CAN ACTUALLY HAVE THAT TEA PARTY WE WERE TALKING ABOUT!
YOU SURE SEEM HAPPY ABOUT THIS
I'M INDEBTED TO YOU ONCE AGAIN, MR CHESHIRE CAT!!
THIS TIME HOW ABOUT WE SHOW HIM THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS !!
WOULD YOU REALLY?
WHA!?
In all honesty I wish I could run away from this world, thought the Cheshire Cat.
END